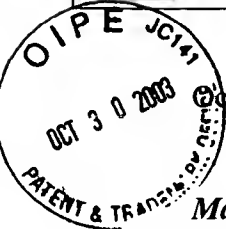




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Filed: November 28, 2001
For: **Bisubstituted Carbocyclic Cyclophilin Binding
Compounds and Their Use**
Inventors: HAMILTON *et al.*
Our Ref: 03166.0029.NPUS02

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Second Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116; and
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It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the filing date of these documents and returned to our courier.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No.08-3038 referencing docket number 03166.0029.NPUS02. If extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those otherwise provided for herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. *A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.*

Respectfully submitted,

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In response to the Office Action dated July 29, 2003, (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No. 6), Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038 referencing docket number 03166.0029.NPUS02.